

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A docking station for docking and integrating a an after-market, portable audio device for use with a car stereo, comprising:

a base portion;

a bottom member connected to the base portion;

a top member connected to the base portion, the base portion, bottom member, and top member defining a cavity for receiving a portable audio device; and

an integration device positioned within the base portion for integrating the a portable audio device with a car stereo. stereo,

wherein the docking station is positioned remotely from a car stereo.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the top member is hingedly connected at an edge to the base portion.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the base portion comprises a connector for connecting the integration device with the portable audio device.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a cable interconnected at one end to the integration device and at an opposite end to ~~the~~ a car stereo.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the integration device is wirelessly connected to ~~the~~ a car stereo.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the portable device comprises a CD player, CD changer, MP3 player, Digital Audio Broadcast (DAB) receiver, or satellite receiver.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the integration device comprises a circuit board housed in the base portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus docking station is mountable in a vehicle trunk.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the top member is pivotable away from the bottom member to allow access to the portable audio device.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the integration device is connected to the car stereo using a ~~Firewire, D2B, MOST, CAN, USB, USB2, IE Bus, T Bus, I Bus, or serial bus~~ connection.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the car stereo is an ~~OEM Originial Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)~~ or after-market car stereo.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising one or more auxiliary input ports connected to the integration device for integrating additional portable devices external to the docking station.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for docking and integrating a an after-market, portable audio device for use with a car stereo, comprising:

providing a docking station having a base portion, a bottom member connected to the base portion, a top member connected to the base portion, and an integration device housed within the base portion;

inserting a portable audio device into the docking station and connecting the portable audio device to a connector on the base portion; and

positioning the docking station remotely from a car stereo; and

integrating the portable audio device with the integration device for use with a car stereo.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising opening the top member away from the bottom member prior to inserting the portable audio device into the docking station.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising closing the top member to retain the portable audio device in the docking station.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising interconnecting the integration device with the car stereo with a cable.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising establishing a wireless connection between the integration device and the car stereo.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising integrating a CD player, CD changer, MP3 player, Digital Audio Broadcast (DAB) receiver, or satellite receiver with the car stereo.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising mounting the docking station in a vehicle trunk.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising connecting the integration device to the car stereo using a ~~Firewire, D2B, MOST, CAN, USB, USB2, IE Bus, T Bus, I Bus, or serial bus~~ connection.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising integrating the portable device with an after-market or OEM Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) car stereo.

26. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising connecting an external portable device to an auxiliary input port on the docking station and integrating the external portable device with the car stereo.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the docking station is mountable within a vehicle.

28. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising mounting the docking station in a vehicle.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, further comprising mounting the docking station in a vehicle trunk.